



Photos of illegal permanent stands found on the Chippewa National Forest



PERMANENT STANDS ON THE CHIPPEWA NATIONAL FOREST

The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 36 Parts 200-299 USDA Forest Service, Part 261 Prohibitions, address prohibited activities on National Forest Lands. There are no authorizations permitting permanent stands on Chippewa National Forest.

ALLOWED:

- Only portable stands or blinds that do not damage live trees and that are removed at the end of the hunt are permitted on Chippewa National Forest.
- Portable stand anchor devices. screw in step and minimal limbing of lateral branches to facilitate stand placement are allowed.
- "Portable stands that are chained, belted, clamped, or tied with rope and do no permanent damage" (Minnesota hunting regulations).

NOT ALLOWED:

Permanent stands are on the increase and present a problem on the Chippewa National Forest and other public lands. Permanent stands and the activities related to them are often in direct violation of current National Forest regulations and generates Resource/Safety problems including but not limited to:

- Cutting trees for shooting lanes
- Damaging trees and creating safety hazards to loggers due to use of nails, bolts or wire in merchantable timber
- Driving vehicles cross-country
- Illegal garbage and waste dumping
- Abandoned/old stands create safety hazard to other hunters
- Ownership issue of Public Hunting Lands
- Development of trails and roads
- Liability issue for National Forests

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